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COMNAVREGSWINST 8023.4A

N43WP

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### COMNAVREGSW INSTRUCTION 8023.4A

Subj: AMMUNITION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (AMHAZ) HANDLING REVIEW  
SUB-BOARD

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 8020.14/MCO P8020.11

1. Purpose. To establish an Ammunition and Hazardous Materials (AMHAZ) Sub-Board within Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) Area of Responsibility (AOR) that will:

- a. Maintain an overview of explosives safety conditions and problem areas.
- b. Review all waivers and exemptions of established explosives safety standards.
- c. Prepare for the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) AMHAZ Board and provide advanced explosives safety information to the Chairman of the CNO AMHAZ Board.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVREGSWINST 8023.4.

3. Background

a. The AMHAZ Sub-Board for the NRSW AOR will be convened by the NRSW Explosives Safety Program Manager (N43WP) who will act as the Explosives Safety Coordinator (ESC). Members for the AMHAZ Sub-Boards shall include the ESC, assistant ESC and a representative from the Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity Explosives Safety Support Office Pacific (ESSOPAC). ESSOPAC will provide technical support in the application of explosives safety quantity distance (ESQD) requirements or other related explosives safety items of interest.

b. AMHAZ Sub-Board attendees shall include a representative of the Commanding Officer from each of the following commands and a supporting Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM) representative from the Installations Planning Division of the appropriate Engineering Field Division (EFD).

#### AMHAZ Sub-Board - NRSW

NRSW EXPLOSIVES SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER - ESC  
NOSSA, ESSOPAC  
NAVAL BASE CORONADO  
NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO  
NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA  
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION (NAVWPNSTA) SEAL BEACH  
NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH DETACHMENTS FALLBOOK AND SAN DIEGO

NAS LEMOORE  
NAS FALLON  
NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY  
NAF EL CENTRO  
NALF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND  
NAWS CHINA LAKE

c. When AMHAZ matters of a command not listed above arise, that command may be asked to participate in a meeting of the AMHAZ Sub-Board. Sub-Board members may recommend to the ESC the inclusion of other activities as permanent attendees of the Sub-Board.

d. U.S. Marine Corps Activities will conduct their AMHAZ Sub-Board separate from Naval Activities Sub-Board.

#### 4. Scope

a. The CNO, by reference (a), established AMHAZ Boards to conduct biennial explosives safety reviews at all major U.S. Naval and Marine Corps activities for the purpose of reviewing all factors pertinent to proper safety in the handling, storage and transportation of ammunition and explosives. The secondary purpose of these boards is to review explosives safety conditions as reflected in, or impacted by, planned construction projects.

b. The objective of the AMHAZ review is to ensure the existence and maintenance of safe environments and procedures, and to recommend changes when considered necessary to improve safety of shore operations.

c. Reference (a) directs Regional Commanders to establish AMHAZ Sub-Boards between scheduled AMHAZ Boards to ensure closure of significant explosive safety issues. The sub-board can be used to coordinate implementation of criteria changes and to establish/implement regional safety training courses.

#### 5. Action

a. The ESC (N43WP) shall convene the NRSW AMHAZ Sub-Board not less than biennially or more frequently, if required.

b. The AMHAZ representative of each activity that handles or stows ammunition or explosives, or coordinates such evolutions, will provide a brief and informal command presentation. The presenting activity may be assisted as necessary by supported commands. Computer presentations are preferred and should be presented as a Power Point Presentation. Problem areas or matters brought before the AMHAZ Sub-Board will be presented as required by reference (a).

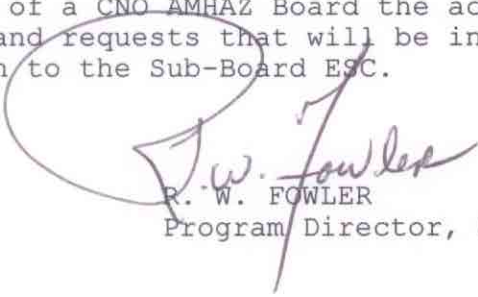
c. The AMHAZ Sub-Board shall review existing CNO waivers and exemptions from explosives safety standards on an as needed basis to determine their validity, review any problems areas presented and recommend action to be taken on each item.

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d. The ESC shall submit a list of attendees, and the minutes of the meeting in a report to determine their validity, review any problem areas presented, and recommend action to be taken on each item to:

Chairman, AMHAZ Board, and all participating activities. Excluding circumstances described in paragraph 5c, this report will satisfy the requirements of reference (a).

e. During the year of a CNO AMHAZ Board the activity will forward all of the information and requests that will be included in their CNO AMHAZ Board presentation to the Sub-Board ESC.



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